

people for twenty-one years. He impresses one as a man of intelligence, and that he is a courageous thinker is shown by his opposition to the society's course as shown in his paper. In the first number he declared himself for "Independence, Now and Forever"; in the second he had advanced to such a stage that he headed his paper "Communism is Humbugism." In the third number we find "Communism is Despotism." In the fourth, which, however, was never published, he points out clearly the inequality then existing, and says: "Communism is a curse to any and all communities where established. It deadens all push, energy and ambition. It puts a premium on idleness and unfits a person for the battle with the world for an existence when the time comes in which he will be thrown on his own resources, which will sooner or later come to all members of communistic societies. There is no equality of rank and fortune in a communistic society, nor in any intelligent community."

**UNDERTAKE TASK OF DIVISION.**  
These views were not held by the majority of the members at the time the paper was published, but in a little more than two years from the appearance of the paper the society had decided to disband, and measures were taken by which the property could be distributed.

The work of surveying and dividing the property and distributing it to the members was naturally a difficult task, and although the commissioners and trustees did their work carefully, one learns on inquiry just as would be expected, that each member thought he received too little and his neighbor too much.

But what has eight years of competition taught these villagers? How do they like the new order of things and how has the industry prospered? One of the flour mills is still running and flourishing, the saw mill remains, and the planing mill does work as formerly. Most of the other industries which at one time flourished have not been revived, but as a mark of the progress of the age, the old woolen mill has been changed into a storage battery plant and the water power is utilized for running the charging dynamo.

The schools have the same master as before, but religious affairs are changed. In fact, they are back at the same place they were before the founding of Bimeier's sermons ceased at the downfall of the society, and for some time no religious services were held. In fact, long before this came to pass, the sermons had been read and reread so often that people had lost interest in church affairs and the attendance was very slight. There was no vitality, it had long been exhausted.

**RETURN TO LUTHERAN CHURCH.**  
The people, however, recognized the importance of religion and as one of the older inhabitants told me during our conversation:

"The people recognized that it was impossible to have a moral community without religion, and then, acting on the assumption, organized a Sunday school and allied themselves with the German Lutheran church, from which they had separated while in Germany. Services are held every other Sunday in the old Zoar church. This is fitted up in no very elaborate style, although there has been installed a small pipe organ.

There has been no marked change in the moral status of the people since the change in organization. There are some young men who depart from the ways of their fathers and who spend all they make for unworthy objects, but this tendency was apparent during the declining years and Zoar remains, for the most part, the same peaceful, law-abiding village. The villagers cannot change their ways suddenly and have little or no desire to do so if they could.

When questioned as to the desirability of the present conditions, all seem satisfied. I was told that no one desired to go back to the old way of living. They say the society lasted only so long as the people were ignorant; with increase in education, people say that the boasted equality was, in fact, slavery. They say there are always rich and poor classes, and that it is contrary to the "laws of nature" to try to make men equal. They point out that during the old regime there were men who did not produce five cents a day and yet they lived as well as those who labored. They point out that some wasted their time idling and loafing about town.

**THIRD GENERATION IS IDLE.**  
One member declared:

"The first generation worked all right, the second worked less, and the third did not work at all."

The men seem pleased to find that they own themselves and although some must labor hard to support themselves, they do not complain, for they see that they at last have equality in the race of life. Business in a village of three hundred inhabitants is not very prosperous, but the men engaged in enterprises are hopeful and thankful.

The building are practically the same as those of the community, but they are losing by degrees the characteristic qualities of the old days. The red tile roofs have mostly been displaced, though still quite numerous. Some of the log cottages are inhabited still, but many are tenanted. New buildings, constructed after the modern styles, are being built, and are destroying the antiqueness of the place.

One of the attractions of the town is its large hotel. Many guests visit this secluded spot each year to spend their vacations and get away from

the rushing world. Zoar long has had a reputation as a summer resort, and to accommodate the numerous visitors the society in 1892 constructed a fine hotel. From the surrounding cities in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia there are attracted each year numerous guests. Chief among these cities are Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Wheeling, Massillon, Steubenville and Canton. Men of prominence often find a quiet day there. President McKinley visited Zoar shortly before his assassination. Mark Hanna, Myron T. Herrick and W. C. Whitney have all honored the place by their presence.

**SCENE OF FOX HUNTS.**  
An institution has been grafted upon the life of the quiet village in the last few years which has attracted considerable attention. This is the tri-State fox hunt. An association was formed a few years ago of many prominent men in the States of Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. These men meet once each year in Zoar to hunt foxes, a number of these animals still being found in the surrounding woods.

## BROUWER ON STAND

**Swears He Never Gave Wife Arsenic or Otherwise Harmed Her.**

Toms River, N. J., Oct. 15.—"As God is my judge, I never gave my wife arsenic. I loved her too well to have harmed her."

Shaking with emotion, his face indicating the ordeal through which he has passed, Dr. Frank L. Brouwer, on trial for the murder of his wife, capped the climax of an afternoon of testimony in his own behalf just before court adjourned today by swearing with uplifted right hand in the presence of judge and jury, that the allegations against him were utterly false. Brouwer proved a good witness for himself. At times he waxed dramatic.

With tears streaming down his cheeks, he denied the assertions that his wife had ever charged him with being unfaithful to her, and gave the lie to the members of the Hyer family, who on the stand had sworn that he had threatened to get a divorce. According to Brouwer the quarrel between himself and wife was due to the latter's punishing their younger child, because he would not go to sleep. Brouwer described fully his wife's last illness and the treatment given her by himself and other physicians. He declared that the medical witnesses who have testified that muscular contraction was a violence in the patient, running from the feet to the head, were in error. Muscular convulsions were plainly manifest, he admitted, but their course was downward, not upward.

He stated that after the meal which precipitated his wife's illness the servant in the house was also ill for two days. He absolutely repudiated the theory of the prosecution that his conduct as the friend of the woman who had been mentioned in connection with the case, was such as to give his wife any cause for jealousy, and further asserted that his wife was not naturally a jealous dispositioned woman. Many women in the court room wept in sympathy with Dr. Brouwer as he gave his testimony, and today's proceedings were without exception, the most dramatic so far. Brouwer will be further cross examined tomorrow when court re-assembles.

## CLOSER UNION

**Demanding Between Great Britain and Her Colonies.**

London, Oct. 15.—Closer union between Great Britain and its colonies is being urged by a constantly growing party, which points to the danger of a complete disorganization of the empire as a result of demands from every quarter for home rule and rights in many cases conflicting with those of the central government. A council of the empire is advocated by the imperialists, where such controversies can be discussed without embarrassment to parliament or the ministry. Were Newfoundland organically connected with the home government, it is argued, there could have been no such dispute as is pending over the American fisheries question. A similar complication has arisen as a result of the Australian senate's insistence on such conditions in the bill granting preference to British goods as will surely bring England into conflict with other nations over treaty relations. Downing street is passing through a series of difficulties in connection with South Africa which belong to the same category. India's demand for home rule suggests similar troubles in that direction.

Tokio, Oct. 15.—Bishop Samuel I. J. Schereschewsky, veteran Chinese missionary and translator of the Old Testament into mandarin Chinese, is dead, after a short illness. He is said to have been one of the world's greatest oriental scholars.

## A GIANT COMEDY

**All the Oil Companies of Ohio Are Being Shown Up at Findlay.**

Findlay, O., Oct. 15.—The state will rest its case against the Standard Oil company for violation of the Valentine anti-trust law tomorrow, satisfied that it had made a case that is indisputable. So well pleased were the attorneys for the state at the evidence adduced today in the examination of the officials of the several local Standard auxiliaries that they announced in court before adjournment this afternoon that they would have but two more witnesses tomorrow when the case would be rested. A score of witnesses subpoenaed will not be put on the stand.

These local companies' officials astounded even the prosecution by the frankness with which they admitted the Standard control of their companies. Their testimony showed that in one instance two directors holding \$200 worth of stock, had voted the stock of a company capitalized at \$500,000. In another instance three stockholders holding stock to the value of \$750 had voted the stock control of a company capitalized at \$2,000,000. Still again three stockholders had voted the stock of a \$10,000,000 company. In each instance they admitted that proxies had been voted for stock held by the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, the majority in each case. F. G. Borges, secretary-treasurer of the Solar Refining company, of Lima, admitted that at a directors' meeting, attended by himself and W. A. Barstow, each owning one share of stock in the company, valued at \$100 a share, he had voted proxies of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey covering 4,994 of the 5,000 shares of the stock of the Solar Refining company.

E. G. Palmer, superintendent of the Ohio Oil company, Findlay, admitted that he had voted proxies covering a majority of the capital stock of the company at the last annual meeting. The proxies covered stock held by the Standard Oil company of New Jersey. Present at the meeting were two other directors, the three holding three shares, representing a valuation of \$75. John J. O'Brien, superintendent of the Buckeye Pipe Line company, owning one share of stock, admitted that he had attended the last annual meeting of the stockholders of the company and voted together with his one share, the proxies of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, covering a majority of the stock in the Buckeye Pipe Line company. Two other directors, owning one share each, were present. F. G. Borges, the secretary-treasurer of the Solar Refining company of Lima, was indeed the state's star witness. He said that he was making the crude oil purchases now that were formerly made by W. A. Barstow, of Lima. John D. Archbold, of New York, he said, furnished the company the prices for which the refined oil was to be sold. Archbold, he said, also furnished a list of companies to which the company might sell. No other companies were to be furnished oil save those on this list. He was a director of the Solar Refining company, along with John D. Archbold, G. F. Southard, F. Q. Barstow, all of New York; W. A. Barstow, of Lima, and Martin Snyder, of Cleveland. Archbold had never attended a directors' meeting to his knowledge. Neither had F. Q. Barstow, president of the Standard Oil company of Ohio.

At the last annual directors' meeting W. A. Barstow and himself were the only directors present. They had voted to declare the usual dividend. He owned one share of stock, each of save Archbold, who owned two. He saved Archbold, who owned two. He had voted the proxies of the remaining 4,994 shares of stock which are owned by the Standard Oil company of New Jersey. W. A. Barstow, J. W. McCarty, John C. Donnell, E. R. Curran and others all testified, explaining the connection between the Standard and its many auxiliary companies.

W. L. Finley, state oil inspector, will testify tomorrow to the effect that the Standard pays all of the charges for inspecting the oil of several companies.

## CAMPAINING IN ILLINOIS

Chicago, Oct. 15.—The campaign speakers "got busy" tonight all over Illinois. The state fight has been tame thus far on both sides. From now on Democrats and Republicans alike propose to "whoop it up." William Jennings Bryan fired the opening gun for the Democrats at Jacksonville. Samuel Gompers will take the stump in Chicago Saturday in the first of a series of talks in which Congressman Mann will be a target.

**Waitress Murdered by Husband.**

Boston, Oct. 15.—In the presence of several diners, Mrs. Annie McEwan, a waitress, whose home is in East Cambridge, was shot three times and fatally wounded tonight in Sumner A. Lewis' restaurant, corner of Howard and Bulfinch streets, by her husband, Lewis McEwan, because she had hidden their child. Mrs. McEwan is dying at the relief hospital. McEwan tried to commit suicide. He turned the revolver to his head and endeavored to fire a bullet into his brain but was arrested.

## DOES SLAVERY EXIST?

Washington, Oct. 15.—The official announcement that an investigation will be made by the department of justice into the charges of the existence of slavery in several of the southern states was made late this afternoon. Attorney General Moody issued the following statement:

"In regard to the so-called 'peonage' practices existing in some of the southern states, I have decided to send Assistant Attorney General Russell to Florida and elsewhere in the south to look after the various prosecutions and other matters connected with compulsory labor there. I have selected Mr. Russell because of the fact that he is a southern man, a Democrat, and familiar with the conditions existing in the south."

### Free Transportation Rules.

Washington, Oct. 15.—Although interstate oil lines have been made common carriers by law the interstate commerce commission today decided that agents of oil or lubricating companies do not come within the classes to which free or reduced railroad transportation can be lawfully furnished. The commission sanctioned the issuing of round trip tickets on a certificate plan to cover the transportation of government employees going home to vote. The commission also interprets the free pass provision of the new law to permit the issuing of free transportation to any person traveling over its lines solely for the purposes of attending to the business of, or performing a duty imposed upon the carrier. Household or personal effects of any employee may be carried free. The commission holds that the law does not prevent the giving of free or reduced rates by a carrier over its lines to contractors for material supplies, and men for use in construction, etc., on that line, provided the arrangement is made a part of the specifications. A copy of the contract or a memorandum of it must be filed with the commission.

### Jewelry House Robbed.

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 15.—The local branch of the Castleberg Jewelry company, of Baltimore, was robbed of \$5000 worth of jewelry and diamonds by B. S. Jaffe, a salesman who had only been in their employ a week. The robbery occurred last Thursday, but was only given out today by the police, when circulars were sent broadcast asking for his arrest. After Jaffe's disappearance the police learned that he was a well known thief and had served several terms for theft and that he had evidently secured the position as salesman with the intention of robbing the store.

### Three Killed.

Roanoke, Va., Oct. 15.—Three men were torn to pieces by the premature explosion of a quantity of dynamite at the quarry of the Roanoke Stone & Lime Co., near here tonight. The dead:

John T. Purcell, white, Roanoke, aged 29; unmarried.

William L. Switzer, white, Lithia, Va., aged 36; unmarried.

Melvin Polard, negro, Lithia, Va., aged 30; married.

### Trainman Killed.

Charlottesville, Va., Oct. 15.—The two engines of train No. 5, on the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, a passenger and express train between Richmond and Clifton Forge, jumped the track at Stevens Crossing, tonight, while going 40 miles an hour. Fireman William Carper, of Clifton Forge, was killed and Engineer Johnson seriously hurt. Both engines went down a 40 foot embankment. Several passengers were badly bruised.

### A Murder.

Gallipolis, O., Oct. 15.—A murder occurred some time Sunday afternoon in a lonely woods at Brown's Lake in West Virginia a few miles above this city. The body of a well dressed man was found in the woods with his pockets turned inside out and the face beaten beyond recognition. Evidently a terrible struggle had taken place as the bushes were trampled and blood stained.

### Burned by Gasoline.

Warren, O., Oct. 15.—Mrs. Wade Shaaf, wife of a west side groceryman, was burned about the arms, head, face and chest this evening by the explosion of gasoline, into which she had dropped a lighted match. The interior of the store was quite badly damaged by the fire that followed.

### Shot for Whistling.

Cincinnati, O., Oct. 15.—Because he was whistling "Bedelia" while wending his way homeward after a day of conviviality, Clarence Hudson, a negro, was shot and badly wounded by a gang of toughs who demanded he cut it out.

### County Officer Indicted.

Bowling Green, O., Oct. 15.—Elmer L. Shaffer, county surveyor who was indicted by grand jury for making alleged fraudulent bills and collecting the same from the county was placed on trial today. Thus far the state has been unable to prove that he presented the bill in question.

### Died From Injuries.

Chillicothe, O., Oct. 15.—John, the 15-year-old son of William Barnett, died today after lying four weeks in a semi-conscious condition. He struck his head on the bottom of the Scioto river while he was diving into shallow water from a grapevine swing a month ago.

## K. OF P. CONVENTION

New Orleans, Oct. 15.—At four o'clock this afternoon the formal opening of the 24th annual convention and biennial encampment of the supreme lodge of the Knights of Pythias and Uniform Rank took place in a drizzling rain. The first business transacted was the transfer of Camp James R. Carnahan, at the city park race track by J. Zach Sparring, of New Orleans, to Charles R. Shively, of Richmond, Va., supreme councillor, and by him in turn transferred to Major General Arthur J. Stobbart, commander-in-chief of the uniform rank.

The dress review of the troops was held following the transfer of the camp. Tonight an informal reception was held in the St. Charles hotel. It was unofficially announced that Boston, Mass., will capture the next Pythian convention, Chicago and Buffalo having withdrawn.

### Rev. Sam Jones Dead.

Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 15.—The Rev. Sam Jones, the noted Methodist evangelist, died suddenly on a Rock island train, at Perry, a few miles west of Little Rock, today. He was on his way to his home at Cartersville, Ga., from Oklahoma City, when he was stricken by heart trouble and expired in a few minutes. Mr. Jones and the other members of his party arose at five o'clock this morning. After dressing himself he settled himself in his section to enjoy the ride through Arkansas. Suddenly he was seized with nausea. His daughter brought a cup of hot water, which for the time brought relief. He went to the rear of the car and returned feeling a little better. From that time he seemed to grow gradually worse and it soon became evident to those in his party that he was exceedingly ill. Everything possible was done to relieve his suffering, but to no avail. Surrounded by three members of his immediate family and reclining in the arms of his devoted partner in his evangelistic work, he passed away. The train bearing the body reached Little Rock shortly before noon, and after being prepared for burial by a local undertaker it was shipped to his Georgia home. With Mr. Jones when he died was Mrs. Jones, his wife, Mrs. Annie Pyron, his daughter, and Miss Julia Jones, another daughter, and the Rev. Walter Holcomb, who has been with Mr. Jones for the last five years.

### Pardon Granted.

Denver, Colo., Oct. 15.—As a belated wedding present Governor McDonald today granted full pardon to Anton Woode, the so-called "boy murderer," who was released from the Colorado penitentiary two years ago on parole after a confinement of nearly 14 years. When ten years old Woode was convicted of murdering Joseph Smith, who visited his father's ranch. The lad coveted Smith's watch and while guiding him over the prairie shot him dead from behind. Last June Woode married Mabel Estelle Terry, daughter of Judge Henry P. Terry, of Newburgh, N. Y. Woode, who has assumed the name of Henry Howard, is an artist and musician of no mean ability.

### Fountain Dedicated.

Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 15.—In the presence of 7500 people the memorial fountain erected by the Elks of the United States, to the memory of the late Meade D. Detweiler, former grand exalted ruler, was dedicated in this city this afternoon.

### Prisoner Spirited Away.

Springfield, Mo., Oct. 15.—Joseph Hamilton, who murdered five members of the Parsons family near Houston, Friday, was spirited out of the city by Sheriff Horner tonight. It is believed the murderer has been taken to the Carthage jail. The presence in the city of a number of men who live near the scene of the crime looked as though an effort might be made tonight to lynch Hamilton. Hamilton made a full confession of his crime today.

### White House in Mourning.

Washington, Oct. 15.—The white house is in official mourning over the death of Captain E. L. Taylor, at Aniston, Ala. He was the uncle of Mrs. Roosevelt, who has postponed her program for informal entertainment at the white house.

### Roundhouse Burned.

Houghton, Mich., Oct. 15.—The Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic railway roundhouse burned to the ground late tonight. Three locomotives were also burned. Loss \$20,000.

## WHY HOGS ARE HIGH

**Local Butcher Gives Plausible Explanation of the Mystery.**

A well known butcher gave a plausible explanation yesterday of the reason why the price of hogs is so high. He says it was due to a large corn crop. At first sight this looks to be rather paradoxical, as one would naturally think that a big corn crop would mean low price on porkers.

"All the farmers have a big corn crop and the price of grain is low. They want to feed it to their hogs, and as a result they are not willing to sell. In ordinary years the hog raisers turn their hogs off when they reach a weight of from 160 to 200 pounds, preferring to doing this to feeding them to a larger size. This year, however, with a large corn crop, the farmers are holding their hogs and will feed them as long as they can see any profit in doing so, and as a result there is a scarcity of porkers in the packing-houses and butcher shops."

While this is a true explanation doubtless, it certainly means larger hogs and more and cheaper pork later on in the season when these porkers are rushed into the market.

## REPUBLICANS BUCKING

Minersburg, Oct. 15.—The proposition to submit to the voters of Holmes county the question of a county public library at the coming November election promises to figure prominently in politics. The Republicans oppose the proposition of an election and they are charged with doing this by reason of the danger of a large vote coming out to vote on the proposition and this would be detrimental to the interests of M. L. Smyser, the Republican candidate for congress. They have got busy with the secretary of state in order to head off the library proposition and have even called for an opinion from the attorney general of the state. This latter through W. H. Miller, the assistant, has rendered an opinion that he can find no law for submitting such a proposition to a vote, but that the commissioners must decide the matter. The Democrats say that Mr. Smyser has been at Columbus using his influence in preventing the vote in order that a light vote might be made possible in this strong Democratic county and thus enhance his chances for election. The next thing they may do is to try and get out an injunction to prevent Mr. Bryan speaking here on October 26, an event that will do the Republicans more damage than a library vote.

The Independent Republicans are not caring for the library nor for Mr. Smyser, but keep their eyes solely on the big Republican bosses who dictate nominations at their sweet will and will vote to rid the party of these pests as they did last year. The postoffice seekers may go their length in preventing the people from expressing their opinion on the library question in order to benefit their candidate for congress, but they must shoulder the responsibility for so doing, and whether a vote on the library is had or not, the defeat of Mr. Smyser is as certain as 2 and 2 make 4.

## EX-SENATOR BURTON

**Will Now Give Up and Serve Term in Penitentiary as Sentenced.**

Abilene, Kas., Oct. 15.—J. R. Burton, former United States senator from Kansas, when seen at his home here this afternoon regarding the action of the supreme court of the U. S. in refusing him a rehearing, said:

"This is not my time to talk." Further than this Mr. Burton declined to discuss the case. However it is stated from an authoritative source that he has asked that his term of imprisonment begin at the earliest possible moment.

### Taft Arrives Tomorrow.

Portsmouth, Va., Oct. 15.—The U. S. dispatch boat Dolphin arrived in Hampton Roads this afternoon to transport Secretary of War Taft, Assistant Secretary of State Bacon and their wives to Washington upon their arrival in the Roads tomorrow from Havana. The party will transfer to the dispatch boat as soon as the battleship Louisiana comes to anchor and will go direct to Washington.

### Received a Present.

Washington, Oct. 15.—Senator Bermudez, of the Uruguayan legation presented to Pres. Roosevelt today a handsome photograph of the president of the South American republic and bearing his signature below the inscription: "To the courageous and brave, President Roosevelt."

### Elected Captain.

Bethlehem, Pa., Oct. 15.—At an election today to choose a captain for Lehigh university's football team to succeed Sam Strauss, who is back in his studies and unable to serve, Frank F. Troutman of Butler, Pa., left end of the team, was elected captain.

### Struck by Train.

Philadelphia, Oct. 15.—Three persons were killed and two injured, one so seriously that death resulted subsequently, when the Camden accommodation of the Atlantic City railroad crashed into a farm wagon at a grade crossing on the outskirts of Camden today. The dead are: Anton Potaki, 72 years old. Joseph Nowak, 7 years old. Frances Nowak, 12 years old.